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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Mr. ~~Dulles~~ *Friend Allen* -

On behalf of the Army, I extend my personal and official invitation to you to address the sixth annual National Strategy Seminar to be held at the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, from June 7th through the 10th.

This Seminar is the climax of nearly a year's study by a student body composed of outstanding senior Army officers and representatives from other Services and governmental agencies. These individuals are selected annually to attend the Army War College as an important part of their preparation to assume high command and top level staff positions. The phase of instruction provided by this Seminar is unique in that the student body is joined by nearly one hundred distinguished guests, both civilian and military. These guests bring to the College a vast store of knowledge, derived from their experience in industry, government, education, science, and many other fields, which is utilized to develop jointly with the faculty and student body a theoretical national strategy and a supporting military program for the United States.

The development of this national strategy requires the participants to establish, from the point of view of the National Security Council, long-term national goals, subsidiary objectives, and implementing and alternative policies within the framework of the existing national and international situation. Based upon previous experience and the enthusiastic indorsement of past participants, we feel confident that the free interchange of ideas among guests of such prominence will result in a better understanding of the security situation of the United States and mutual benefit to all who participate.

To provide a proper framework for the Seminar discussions, we are anxious to obtain your comments and opinions on "The World Situation" in the form of an address to be delivered at 1 p.m. on June 7th. I am inclosing a suggestion as to the scope of the talk which might best support the Seminar. For your information, the

scopes of the other planned lectures are also listed, together with the names of the other speakers. In this connection, the Seminar will be classified SECRET, and no remarks by participants will be disseminated outside the College unless consent is first obtained.

We would, of course, be most pleased if you would join us for the entire Seminar. Although I realize that your busy schedule may preclude your attendance, I feel confident that you would find the entire session both interesting and productive.

Your acceptance of this engagement would certainly help to assure the success of this year's National Strategy Seminar. I sincerely hope you can see your way clear to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wilber M. Brucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

Wilber M. Brucker
Secretary of the Army

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

SCHEDULED ADDRESSES

THE NATIONAL STRATEGY SEMINAR

1 PM, June 7, 1960 - "The World Situation" by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

A survey of the world situation in 1960 with emphasis on projected trends affecting the security interests of the United States and any national strategy designed for their protection and promotion.

10:50 AM, June 8, 1960 - "Psychological Political and Economic Aspects of a National Strategy" by the Vice President of the United States.

The role of ideological, political warfare, propaganda, and public opinion considerations in the formulation and execution of national strategy. A discussion of: the extent to which ideological considerations and political warfare goals can help shape our foreign policy and diplomacy; the problems of alerting the American people to the nature of our world security interests, crystallizing our objectives and policies in terms meaningful to the American people and enlisting the informed support of US public opinion for our strategy; the problem of focusing our objectives and foreign policies on the task of influencing or supporting the vital social and political groups and classes of other countries; and means by which political action and propaganda can be employed to reinforce our political, economic and military power.

The relation of economic, military and psychological factors to political goals and the integration and harmonization of all US efforts over the long term, a brief discussion of the interrelationships of economic with other factors in serving and shaping the national strategy.

After dinner, June 8, 1960 - "Topic of his choosing" - by the Secretary of the Army.

9 AM, June 9, 1960 - "Military Aspects of National Strategy" by the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army.

A discussion of the role and influence of military considerations in relation to national strategy, the interrelationships of military with

other factors in serving and shaping the national strategy and the derivative problems and requirements of the Army in accomplishing its mission.

11:50 AM, June 10, 1960 - "Summation and Concluding Remarks" by the Commandant of the U. S. Army War College.